[15th July 1953

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The information is furnished in the statement below :—

Year in which examination held.	*Number of candidates selected.*	*Number so far absorbed in service.*	*Number not yet absorbed in service.*
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1950	4,555 (2,935 candidates were originally selected and 1,620 candidates were alloted supplementally upto 1st August 1953.)	4,464	91
1951	1,368	1,368	Nil.
1952	3,597 (Excluding candidates allotted supplementally.)	1,750	1,847 "

Supply of drinking-water in Fort Cochin.

* 511 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government regarding the alternate scheme for the supply of drinking-water to Fort Cochin;

(*b*) the details of the scheme; and

(*c*) when the scheme will be taken up and when it will be finished?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The alternate scheme of water-supply to the Cochin Municipality consists in the laying of an independent feeder main taking the supply to the Fort Cochin, elevated service reservoir from the Thopambadi point of the Chowwara Water-Supply Scheme's Trunk Main, with a small booster set, if necessary.

" The Government of Travancore-Cochin have been addressed in regard to certain details connected with the scheme. Their reply is awaited.

" (*c*) This depends upon the reply of the Government of Travancore-Cochin."

Recovery of money given to Burma evacuees.

* 512 *Q.*—SRI SAKA VENKATA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the recovery of the money given to Burma evacuees; and

(*b*) if so, what is the method of recovery?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) When the last World War broke out, the Government of India started a scheme of financial assistance to evacuees from Burma, Malaya, etc., to tide over their temporary difficulties and to enable them to get themselves absorbed in the economic life of the country. The assistance was in the shape of allowances

from Central funds against undertakings to repay at a future date. The scheme was wound up at the end of February 1948. As it was considered that sufficient opportunity had been given to those evacuees to get themselves settled in the economic life of the country, the work of recovery of the advances has been taken up. According to the instructions of the Government of India, recovery is effected with due regard to the financial condition, etc., of the debtors so as not to cause undue hardship to them and to their families and also in easy monthly instalments or in lump sum as the case may be. In cases where it is found that the debtors are unable to repay the dues on account of their poor financial condition or where it is clear that the chances of recovery are remote, the amounts are written off as irrecoverable."

Opening of a Government Training school at Thellar in Wandiwash taluk.

* 513 *Q.*—SRI D. DASARATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether any representation has been received by the Government from the District Board, North Arcot, for the establishment of a Government Training School at Thellar in Wandiwash taluk?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" No. Sir."

Bone-setting by Puttur bone-setters.

* 514 *Q.*—SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recognised or undertaken research into the system of bone-setting followed by the Puttur bone-setters in this State; and

(*b*) what kind of encouragement, if any, is given to them by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Relief measures to Burma refugees in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts.

* 515 *Q.*—SRI G. LATCHANNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the Union Government regarding relief measures to Burma evacuee refugees in Srikakulam and Visakhapatnam districts;

(*b*) if so, what it is; and

(*c*) what action the Government have taken for the relief of these refugees?